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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE EXTREME WEST DURING THE PAST WEEK, AND REPORTS INDICATED THAT LATE PICKING AND GINNING MADE GOOD PROGRESS. IT NOW APPEARS THAT PRACTICALLY ALL CLASSIFICATION WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED SHORTLY AFTER APRIL 1.

WORK WAS COMPLETED THIS PAST WEEK ON TABULATIONS COVERING THE CLASSIFICATION OF ALL UPLAND COTTON IN THE WESTERN REGION THROUGH MARCH 20. THESE TABULATIONS WERE REQUESTED BY THE WASHINGTON OFFICE. SINCE PRACTICALLY ALL COTTON IN THE WESTERN REGION, BOTH UPLAND AND AMERICAN-EGYPTIAN, IS CLASSED UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE SMITH-DOXEY ACT, THESE TABULATIONS WILL FORM A GOOD BASIS FOR DETERMINING THE AUTHENTICITY OF OUR PERIODICAL UPLAND QUALITY REPORTS. OUR AMERICAN-EGYPTIAN GRADE AND STAPLE REPORTS WERE BASED ON A 100% SAMPLE DURING THE PAST SEASON.

WORK IS NOW PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY ON THE PREPARATION OF INDIVIDUAL GIN REPORTS. CLASSING OFFICES HAVE RECENTLY SUBMITTED DATA ON QUITE A NUMBER OF CLOSED GINS AND FINAL TYPING OF THESE REPORTS WILL GET UNDER WAY SHORTLY.

MR. LANHAM DEPARTED FOR HIS WASHINGTON CONFERENCE FRIDAY EVENING, AND IF HE WAS SUCCESSFUL IN MAKING TRAIN CONNECTIONS ACROSS THE CONTINENT, HE SHOULD ARRIVE AT HIS DESTINATION TODAY.

WE CONTINUE TO ENJOY WARM SPRINGLIKE WEATHER IN THE BAY AREA.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - IDEAL WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVAILED THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, WHICH WAS NOT ONLY BENEFICIAL TO VEGETABLE CROPS, BUT HAS ENABLED ONE OR MORE OF THE LARGER COTTON GROWERS TO PREPARE THEIR LAND FOR ANOTHER COTTON CROP AND ACTUALLY START PLANTING. FULLY NINETY PERCENT OF THE GINS HAVE CLOSED FOR THE SEASON AND AT LEAST HALF OF THESE HAVE ALREADY SENT IN THEIR EMPTY SACKS, FORM 1 CARDS, AND CLOSE-OUT REPORTS. OUR RECEIPTS OF O.G. SAMPLES SHOWED A DECIDED DROP OVER THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK. WE EXPECT EVEN A FURTHER DROP IN RECEIPTS THE COMING WEEK. IN FACT, AFTER APRIL 1ST, THE DAILY RECEIPTS WILL BE SO LIGHT THAT OUR PERMANENT STAFF WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO HANDLE THIS PHASE OF OUR WORK. WE WERE IN A POSITION THIS WEEK TO COMPLETE WORK ON THE COLLECTION OF GIN DATA FOR DR. WRIGHT. THE SCHEDULES CMR 2 AND CMR 3 AFTER BEING CHECKED OVER CAREFULLY FOR OMISSIONS WILL BE MAILED TO DR. WRIGHT. FROM ALL AVAILABLE REPORTS THE BASIS HAS BECOME EASIER BY 20 TO 30 POINTS. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN LIMITED INQUIRIES FOR THE HIGHER GRADES, OFFERINGS HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY LIGHT. PRACTICALLY NO BUSINESS IS REPORTED THIS WEEK IN THE CURRENT QUALITIES BEING GINNED WHICH ARE AVERAGING ABOUT STRICT GOOD ORDINARY AND GOOD ORDINARY, 15/16 TO 1 INCH STAPLES. A FEW INQUIRIES FOR DEFERRED SHIPMENT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THIS WEEK FROM SOUTH-EASTERN MILLS. ALTHOUGH 1942 EQUITIES ARE REPORTED SELLING AROUND \$5.00 PER BALE, LITTLE INTEREST HAS BEEN SHOWN BY MERCHANTS AS THEY DO NOT AT PRESENT HAVE ANY IMMEDIATE OUTLETS FOR THIS COTTON. SMITH.

EL PASO - WE HAVE HAD PERFECT WEATHER THE PAST WEEK AND THE CURRENT CROP IS NOW GATHERED AND GINNED AND MOST OF THE GROUND PLOWED AND IN GOOD SHAPE FOR ANOTHER CROP. THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW CASES OF ISOLATED PLANTING AT THIS DATE AND REPORTS ARE THAT PLANTING WILL BE WELL UNDER WAY BY APRIL 1ST, PROVIDED WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE FAVORABLE. ESTIMATES ON ACREAGE STILL REMAIN FULLY AS MUCH TOTAL ACREAGE TO A SLIGHT INCREASE AS COMPARED WITH THE LAST SEASON. ESTIMATES ON SXP ACREAGE STILL THE SAME, 35 TO 50% DECREASE WITH THIS GOING INTO UPLAND COTTON. IT SEEMS THAT WE ARE NOW THROUGH WITH S.D. CLASSIFICATION. MR. BUTTERWORTH IS STILL IN PHOENIX ASSISTING MR. CRITTENDON IN FINISHING UP THE S.D. CLASSIFICATION, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FOR HIM BACK AROUND THE FIRST OF APRIL. MR. MACKELL LEFT THE OFFICE YESTERDAY FOR A SHORT FIELD TRIP, CLOSING OUT GINS AND GATHERING DATA FOR THE CMR-2 AND CMR-3 FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH DR. WRIGHT'S WORK. GOOD PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON GIN CLOSEOUTS TO DATE. AT LAST IT SEEMS THAT THE TWO COMPANIES WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO TAKE ORDERS ON THIS TAG ARE IN A POSITION TO FULFILL ORDERS, AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO USING THE COMBINATION GIN AND FORM 1 TAG FOR THE COMING SEASON. TRADING AND DEMAND HAS BEEN VERY LIGHT FOR THE PAST WEEK, BASIS VERY WEAK IN SPITE OF STRONG FUTURE MARKET, AND SHIPPERS SAY THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO SELL AT ANY BETTER ADVANTAGE THAN BEFORE THE FUTURE MARKET ADVANCED. SOME LIGHT TRADING IN 1942 EQUITIES AT PRICES RANGING FROM \$2.50 TO \$5.00, WITH PERHAPS AN OCCASIONAL SALE BEING MADE HERE AND THERE ON 1943 EQUITIES, BUT HARDLY ENOUGH TO QUOTE... NISBETT.

PHOENIX - FAIR WEATHER HAS PREVAILED ALL WEEK. FARMERS ARE VERY BUSY GETTING THE REMAINDER OF THEIR COTTON GATHERED AND GETTING THEIR LAND IN CONDITION FOR SPRING PLANTING. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MOST OF THE SXP HAS ALREADY BEEN PLANTED, AND A FEW HAVE STARTED PLANTING THEIR UPLAND COTTON. INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY FROM THE A.A.A. INDICATED THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 22,000 ACRES OF SXP THIS SEASON AND 170,000 OF UPLAND COTTON. IF THESE FIGURES ARE IN LINE, THIS WOULD BE ABOUT A SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT DECREASE IN SXP AND SIXTY-FIVE PERCENT INCREASE IN UPLAND. RECEIPTS WERE ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST WEEK. IF OUR GOOD WEATHER CONTINUES WE EXPECT TO BE BUSY FOR ANOTHER WEEK OR TEN DAYS. ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT SEVERAL OF THE GINS TO PURCHASE THE NEW COMBINATION FORM L AND GIN TAG, AT PRESENT ONLY THE VALLEY GIN AT PEORIA, HAS REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE ACTUALLY ORDERED THE NEW TAGS. WE FINALLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MR. RADEMAKER IN WHICH HE SET FORTH HIS DAILY SCHEDULE, BEGINNING AT 5:30 A.M. IT WAS EASY FOR US TO SEE WHY HE HADN'T WRITTEN SOONER. STANLEY SAYS HE FRANKLY ADMITS THE DIFFICULTY IN KEEPING UP WITH THE 20-YEAR OLDS IN THE OBSTACLE COURSE. THERE HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY NO ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON MARKET THE PAST WEEK. BASIS ON SHORT STAPLE BROKE FORTY POINTS. ABOUT THE ONLY SALES THERE WERE MADE WERE IN BELOW GRADE COTTON, WHICH BROUGHT AROUND THIRTEEN CENTS.....CRITTENDON.

OS ANGELES - THIS WEEK HAS BEEN CLEAR WITH THE TEMPERATURE VARYING FROM A LOW OF 43 DEGREES AT NIGHT TO A HIGH OF 76 FOR DAYTIME. PRODUCTION ABOUT 22,000 POUNDS FOR THE WEEK. FIRE RESISTANCE EQUIPMENT SHUT DOWN NEARLY TWO DAYS FOR REPLACEMENT OF CORRODED PIPES AND PUMP. I THINK THE MANAGEMENT WILL DECIDE TO USE BORAX AND BORIC ACID IN PLACE OF AMMONIUM SULFATE, AS IT SEEMS TO BE AN EQUALLY EFFECTIVE FLAME PROOFING AGENT AND IS NOT NEARLY SO HARD ON THE MACHINERY. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT TOTALLED 12,690 NET POUNDS, MAKING THE TOTAL SHIPMENTS TO DATE 172,598 NET POUNDS.....DORR.

# COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN REGION, THROUGH MARCH 24, 1944.

	WEEK	SEASON						TOTAL
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	
BAKERSFIELD	2007		322,941	2841			958	326,740
EL PASO	377		175,276	457			2500	178,233
PHOENIX	2404		118,543	66	266			118,875
TOTAL	4788		616,760	3364	266		3458	623,848

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